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Mr. David Waddell Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re:

Proceeding for the Purpose of Addressing Competitive Effects of Contract Service Arrangements Filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. in

Tennessee

Docket No. 98-00559

Dear David:

This is to inform you that e.spire Communications, Inc. is withdrawing as a party to this proceeding.

Sincerely,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

Henry Walker

HW/nl

c: All parties